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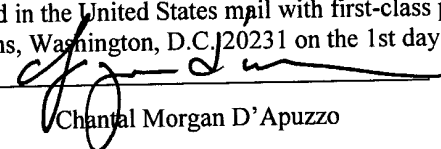
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No: 09/277,575  
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO ACCORD A FILING DATE**

In compliance with the Communication mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on February 26, 2002 (copy enclosed), this Petition is being filed along with a copy of our previously filed "Request for Correction of Filing Receipt".

Applicants request a correction of the filing date and a new filing receipt with the correct filing date, March 27, 1999.

The above-referenced application was delivered to the Office by the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the USPS under 37 CFR 1.10. There is a discrepancy between the filing date accorded by the "Office" to the correspondence and the date of deposit as shown by the "Date-In" on the "Express Mail" mailing label. Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the "Express Mail" label, as shown by the stamp in the upper right-hand corner, dated March 27, 1999.

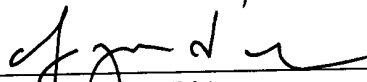
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This Petition is being filed promptly after Applicants became aware that the Office had accorded a filing date of March 26, 1999, which is other than the USPS deposit date. The number of the "Express Mail" mailing label was placed on the papers that constituted the correspondence prior to the original mailing by "Express Mail" and this Petition includes a true copy of the "Express Mail" mailing label showing the "Date-In" stamp in the upper right-hand corner.

Because the Applicants are not at fault for the discrepancy in the filing date, Applicants do not believe any fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the fee may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

Respectfully submitted,



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